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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ICHIRO OKUMURA ET AL. ) Examiner: C. Kao  
Application No.: 09/588,549 ) Group Art Unit: 2882  
Filed: June 7, 2000 )  
For: OPTICAL ENCODER ) February 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2001 to and including February 19, 2002 (February 17, 2002 being a Sunday and February 18, 2002 being a holiday in the District of Columbia). A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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February 19, 2002

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(Name of Attorney for Applicants)

(Signature)

February 19, 2002

(Date of Signature)